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SUMMARY STATEMENT BY THE SECRETARY-GENERAL ON MATTERS OF WHICH THE SECURITY COUNCIL IS SEIZED AND ON THE STAGE REACHED IN THEIR CONSIDERATION

Addendum

Pursuant to rule 11 of the provisional rules of procedure of the Security Council, the Secretary-General is submitting the following summary statement.

The list of items of which the Security Council is seized is contained in documents S/1996/15 of 11 January 1996, S/1996/15/Add.4 of 9 February 1996, S/1996/15/Add.8 of 8 March 1996, S/1996/15/Add.14 of 19 April 1996, S/1996/15/Add.18 of 17 May 1996 and S/1996/15/Add.32 of 23 August 1996.

During the week ending 19 October 1996, the Security Council took action on the following items:

Letters dated 23 September and 3 and 11 October 1996 from the Permanent Representative of the Republic of Korea to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council (S/1996/774, S/1996/824 and S/1996/847)

Letters dated 23 September 1996 from the Permanent Representative of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council and 27 September 1996 addressed to the Secretary-General (S/1996/768 and S/1996/800)

The Security Council met to consider the item at its 3704th meeting, held on 15 October 1996, in accordance with the understanding reached in its prior consultations, having before it letters dated 23 September and 3 and 11 October 1996 from the Permanent Representative of the Republic of Korea to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council (S/1996/774, S/1996/824 and S/1996/847) and letters dated 23 September 1996 from the Permanent Representative of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council and 27 September 1996 addressed to the Secretary-General (S/1996/768 and S/1996/800).

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The President stated that, following consultations of the Security Council, he had been authorized to make a statement on behalf of the Council and read out the text of that statement (for the text, see S/PRST/1996/42; to be issued in Official Records of the Security Council, Fifty-first Year, Resolutions and Decisions of the Security Council, 1996).

The situation in Afghanistan (see S/1994/20/Add.3, S/1994/20/Add.11, S/1994/20/Add.31, S/1994/20/Add.47, S/1996/15/Add.6, S/1996/15/Add.14 and S/1996/15/Add.38; see also S/19420/Add.44, S/20370/Add.14, S/20370/Add.15, S/20370/Add.16 and S/21100/Add.1)

By a letter dated 8 October 1996 addressed to the Secretary-General (S/1996/838), the representatives of Kazakstan, Kyrgyzstan, the Russian Federation, Tajikistan and Uzbekistan to the United Nations transmitted the text of a joint statement made on 4 October 1996 by the leaders of their respective countries concerning developments in Afghanistan, in which they had proposed that a special meeting of the Security Council should be held without delay with a view to adopting urgent measures to halt the fighting and achieve a comprehensive political settlement of the Afghan conflict, and to arrange for the provision by the international community of humanitarian assistance to the civilian population and refugees.

The Security Council resumed its consideration of the item at its 3705th meeting, held on 16 October 1996, in response to the above request.

The President, with the consent of the Council, invited the representatives of Afghanistan, India, the Islamic Republic of Iran, Ireland, Japan, Kazakstan, Kyrgyzstan, Pakistan, Tajikistan, Turkey, Turkmenistan and Uzbekistan, at their request, to participate in the discussion without the right to vote.

In response to the request contained in a letter dated 15 October 1996 from the Permanent Representative of Guinea to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council (S/1996/852), the President, with the consent of the Council, extended an invitation under rule 39 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure to His Excellency Mr. Engin A. Ansay, Permanent Observer of the Organization of the Islamic Conference to the United Nations.